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Dear Joshua:

① Your new weekly column, "Science and Man," for the Washington Post Company is a brilliant idea and an important service. I am so pleased that the column has been conceived and that you are writing it.

② For some time I have been urging the NSF to establish an office whose primary concern would be to alert congressmen, statesmen, clergymen and other thinking individuals of the implications of the applications of new discoveries and technical advances. Your new column will undoubtedly accomplish the same purpose more effectively. ③

May you influence the thinking of many, many people.

Sincerely yours,

Herman

Herman W. Lewis
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① My deep thanks for your remarks - I do appreciate it! If you feel strongly enough, an approbative note to the Post (Howard Simon, Asst. Mg. Ed.) would never hurt.

② I would guess Wente's shop must overlap what you intended; enough to make it harder to push.

③ I think Congress should set up regular, annual, public hearings as the counterpart of the Bureau of the Budget, to ventilate priorities. J.L.

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